

RE: Docket No. 98P-0504

A message for the United States Food and Drug Administration:

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From:

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Consumers deserve to make their own choice in quality shellfish products.

Proposed rules being reviewed by FDA that would require shellfish to be processed eliminate consumer choice and ensure higher consumer prices at restaurants and retail outlets.

*we employ 27 people and feel this action would*  
~~we~~ *we support consumer education and strongly oppose these unnecessary, jeopardize our*  
restrictive and costly rules. *business.*

Please reject this threat which would deny consumers their right to choose the form of the product they wish to eat and which would forever change the structure of the shellfish industry by denying this petition.

Sincerely,

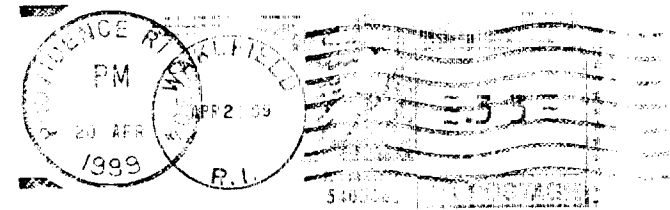
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